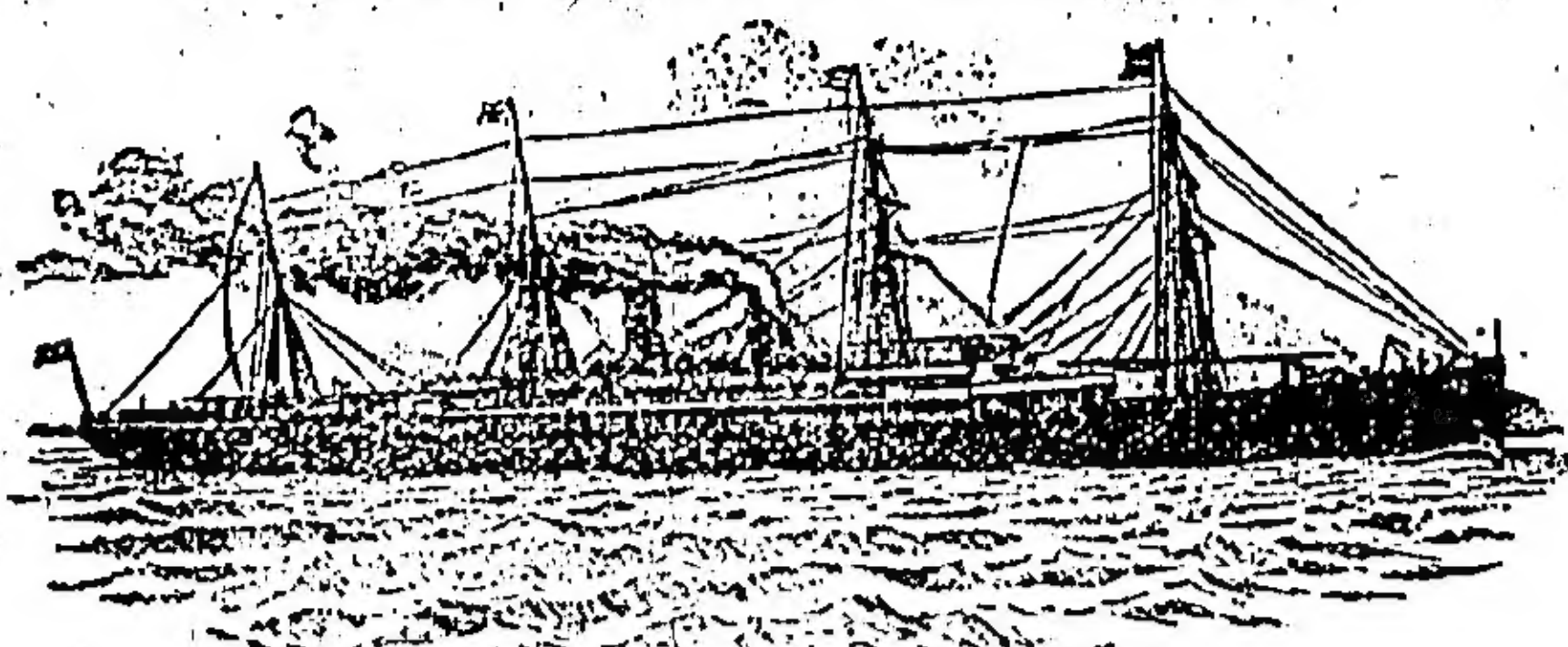


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"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, at Noon.
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"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
"GO-TIC"	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 5th May, at Noon.
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Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

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"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th June.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	17th Mar.	Freight.
von Dohren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	28th Mar.	Freight.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th April.	Freight and Passengers.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	21st April.	Freight.
Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SERBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th May.	Freight.
Brehmer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th May.	Freight.
Jäger	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 12th March, 1903,

at H.M. NAVAL YARD, VICTUALLING OBSELETE AND CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising—
OLD BRASS, COPPER, IRON, PAPER STUFF, CANVAS, FURNITURE, GLASSES, CLOTHING, IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.

One COMP-ENGINE ex No. 20 TORPEDO BOAT, by Rennie, 400 h.p.

One STEAM-LAUNCH ENGINE and SUNDRY MACHINERY.

Catalogues will be issued. TERMS OF SALE:—As customary. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [281a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2 P.M.,

at his SALES ROOMS, 13 DUDLEY STREET, A VERY FINE SILK EMBROIDERED SCREEN

AN ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED SILK EMBROIDERED PICTURE, "LIONS."

On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903. TERMS:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [293a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, Commencing at 2 P.M. sharp,

at his SALES ROOMS, DUDLEY STREET, A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF MODERN AND ANCIENT JAPANESE ART CURIOS.

Particulars from Catalogue. TERMS:—Cash on delivery. On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [287a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2.30 P.M.,

at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—
SATIN COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL TOP DESKS, BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS, MARBLE TOP DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, FUR RUGS, ELECTRO-PLATED and GLASS WARES, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, Mariburk's make WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLES, COOKING STOVE, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [299a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria, Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 6A (No. 19, Jervois Street), and held for the unexpired residue of a term of 999 years will be sold by Public Auction in One Lot, by Order of the Mortgagee, at Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH'S AUCTION ROOMS, No. 8 Des Vaux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), on TUESDAY, the 17th day of MARCH, 1903, at 3 P.M.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor for the Vendor, 54, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [306a]

Intimations.

THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in their Scrip to the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st DAY OF MARCH NEXT, in order that same may be exchanged for Scrip for Shares in the New Company. Dated this 9th day of March, 1903. J. WHEELER, General Manager. China Borneo Company, Limited. [300a]

HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Year, ended 31st December, 1902, on or before the 15th instant, on which Date the Account will be CLOSED. By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [255a]

THE HONGKONG DAIRY

BEG to notify their Customers and the Public that from the 15th instant, they will Open as their TOWN DEPOT for the Sale of FRESH MILK, CREAM, BUTTER &c. The Premises known as 47, DES VEAUX ROAD. Deliveries twice daily, to any part of the Colony. G. W. GREGG, Manager. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [295a]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, TO-MORROW, the 12th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 12th MARCH, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [250a]

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL on FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1902, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 13th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [252a]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedders Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [235a]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [227a]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1903, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st MARCH, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [288a]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND SPRING MEETING, 1903.

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1903.

3 P.M.
1.—For all China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Weights, for inches as per scale. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifflins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifflins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races to 10 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. Once Round.

2.—A Handicap open to this season's Water Subscription Grifflins. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Entrance \$10. Distance Three Quarters of a Mile.

3.—For China Subscription Grifflins of this season which have not won an official Race. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Weights as per scale. Winner of Race No. 1 barred. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

4.—A Handicap for Horses of any height or description. Winner to receive \$150; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winner of Race No. 2 barred. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

5.—For all China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifflins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifflins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races to 10 lbs. Winners of Races Nos. 1 and 3 barred. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

6.—A Handicap for Subscription Water of this season. Winner to receive \$150; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winners of Races Nos. 2 and 4 barred. Entrance \$10. Distance One Mile.

Note.—Riders who have not won more than Two Official Races allowed 5 lbs.

Any Race in which there are not at least eight entries, or for which there are not at least four runners, representing different owners, will be void.

All entries to be made in writing, enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club before 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 14th March, 1903, with the entrance money enclosed. The entries to be opened in the presence of a Steward.

From of entries can be obtained on application to the Secretary, J. GRANT, Esq., A. S. ANTON, Acting Clerk of the Course. Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1903. [258a]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

IT is requested that all OUTSTANDING BILLS against the SOCIETY may be forwarded to the Undersigned not later than MONDAY, 16th March.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 5th March, 1903. [277a]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1902. [256c]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [110]

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SOME FACTS THAT AWAIT EXPLANATION.

The report of the meeting of Chinese shareholders in the great Chinese Engineering and Mining Company (Tientsin, China), which was held some time back at Tientsin, is given a prominent place in recent Anglo-Chinese papers (says the *Pull Moll Gazette*) and is very interesting reading indeed. To all appearance, the European directors own the Chinese shareholders, to say the least of it, a tardy explanation of their apparent failure to comply with the terms of the memorandum under which the old Chinese company was reorganized and registered in England at the end of 1900.

At the opening of the proceedings at the shareholders' meeting referred to, his Excellency Chang Yen-mao sketched the events of 1900, and explained that in view of political and military possibilities and an uncertain future, it was in that year thought advisable to register the company under British laws for the dual purpose of protecting the property and opening the doors for the influx of European capital for the development of the natural resources of the Empire. Unfortunately the agreements drawn up in connection with this transaction of far-reaching consequence had in only too many instances been disregarded and violated by one of the contracting parties, so much so as to jeopardise the validity of those agreements. He wished it to be understood that the meeting adhered unconditionally to the agreement of February 19th, 1901; their desire was to see that deed upheld and respected and they were prepared to meet those animated by a similar goodwill with the firm intention and resolve that they should not suffer by the support they might give in securing justice.

Thus far his Excellency. The next speaker opened the book, if we may be pardoned the metaphor, of which these remarks formed the promising index. This was Mr. Detring, to whom had originally been entrusted the task of conversion of the old company. He first of all referred to the scanty information supplied by the London board, and complained that the conditions of the transfer had not been carried out. A brief sketch of the circumstances followed, from which it appeared that in the summer of 1900 Mr. Detring was consulted by his Excellency, the previous speaker, who was director-general of the Keping Mines, as to the best means of securing the property from aggression. It was ultimately decided to admit foreign capital and register the concern as an English company. The registration might have been effected in a short time in Hongkong, but extra capital was required.

Paraphrasing, but in no material sense departing from, Mr. Detring's interesting narrative, we may state that Mr. Hoover, as representative and adviser of Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co., was at this time in Tientsin. He was consulted, and undertook a mission to London, where he formed a company of £1,000,000 out of which the Chinese share should rank at £375,000; of the balance, £625,000 was to be called up at once, and the remainder as required. Mr. Eames, "the only lawyer in those parts at the time," drew up the necessary legal document, and Mr. Hoover left for London. He returned in January to report that the company had been duly formed, and that M. de Wouters, highly recommended as the representative of Belgian financiers, had been associated with him. A telegram from the Bank d'Outre-mer of Brussels, notified the payment of the first instalment of capital, £100,000; so that the main condition having been complied with, the transfer of the old company to the new was duly signed on February 19th 1902. With it was signed, a deed setting forth the conditions of the transfer.

Up to this time the management had nominally been conducted under the superintendence of the China board, but now a crowd of employees arrived from Europe without the slightest knowledge on the part of the China board that they were coming. Messrs. Hoover and de Wouters left for Europe in September, 1902, and Mr. Detring summoned a meeting of the heads of departments and read over the conditions of transfer. Two months previously news had casually come to Mr. Detring's notice of a debenture issue of £500,000 at 6 per cent. The debenture carried a bonus of £250,000 in shares standing at 70 to 100 per cent. premium at the date of issue. "So the reason of the issue," as Mr. Detring truly goes on to say, "was not apparent." Nothing satisfactory by way of explanation of these strange happenings could be gained from either Mr. Franquet or from Mr. Trouet, managing director from Brussels, who came out just afterwards to try and arrange the points of difference. In July, therefore, Mr. Detring wrote to the company's solicitors, warning them that he would wait no longer but would take action to remedy the grievances.

As regarded the financial position, said Mr. Detring, the Chinese board contend that the £625,000 allotted to the promoters is excessive, whereas the other side say they can justify it. That was a question the meeting could not decide; but they would say that such justification appeared to them impossible; and they intended to devote all their energies to following up the matter. The above is, of course, an *ex parte* statement; and the other side may have an answer to many of the suggestions of irregularity. But on the face of it, a very strong indictment indeed is made out against the European heads of this remarkable company. That matter of the 6 per cent. debenture issue, for instance, needs a lot of explanation, assuming Mr. Detring's statement to be correct as to the manner in which it was raised—that is, without consultation with the Chinese board.

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Why it should be raised at all if the shares were at the enormous premium stated, and there still remained a large number of ordinary shares unissued, may well puzzle the unprejudiced reader. At the end of the meeting a committee was appointed to inquire into the whole situation consisting of five Chinese and six Europeans. A resolution was also passed recording the opinion that the success of the enterprise demanded strict observance of the terms of the deed of transfer, with memorandum attached, particularly as regarded the management of the company by a China board; that the attempt to administer the company from Europe, as at present, was at variance with the company's solemn obligations, and did not warrant the confidence of the shareholders in the directors. The resolution further empowered the old committee nominated by his Excellency Chang Yen-mao on behalf of the shareholders in the old company to negotiate, with a view to securing a satisfactory settlement with the directors in London of all unsettled questions regarding finance and management.

The memorandum of reorganization sets out that Mr. Detring, on behalf of the old company, signed a deed of sale with Mr. Hoover, acting on behalf of Mr. C. A. Moreing, of London, placing Mr. Moreing in a position to take the necessary steps with regard to the raising of capital in Europe and registering the company under British laws. The following are the main provisions in the memorandum:— Chinese shareholders to receive twenty-five shares of £1 each for each original 100-share. All loans from the Imperial Government to be repaid as quickly as possible; 200,000 taels to be paid out of the first funds. Shareholders, whether Chinese or foreign, to have equal votes at all meetings when the company's affairs are discussed and questions decided. Management of company to be conducted by two boards: one in China and one in London. H.E. Chang Yi to be Director-General resident in China as before, and have equal powers with the foreign directors in China. London board will be elected by all the shareholders, Chinese and foreign. Company to be managed so as to make Chinese and foreign interests harmonize on a fair basis of equality, so as to open an era of co-operation and protection that will enrich the Government and the people. The signatures appended are those of Mr. H. C. Hoover, C. de Wouters, Chang Yen-mao, and G. Detring; the witnesses to all being Alfred S. P. White-Cooper and C. D. Tenney.

It would be interesting to know how far the recent visit of Mr. C. Algonon Moreing (a London director of the company) to China has resulted in satisfying the demands of his clamorous Chinese colleagues. As he is posting back to London as quickly as possible, in order to see into the Great Fingall affair, we may not have long to wait for an answer. Meanwhile, it is worthy of note that the voluminous report of Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co. ("per H. C. Hoover"), gives June, 1900, as the date of the completion of the inspection of the property, contains a list of directors that takes no account of the existence of Chinese Board. It is not difficult to understand the chagrin of the Chinese view of the provisions of the memorandum of reorganization, and, considering the importance of this enterprise, and the high standing of those associated with it, the explanation of the parties whose action is so directly challenged will be awaited with considerable interest.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the Post of CHINESE TRANSLATOR in the REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:— SALARY—\$1,500 a year rising by biennial increments of \$100 to \$2,400.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [302e]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will take place on 20th March, 1903, from a position on Chin Lan Chun Hill (1370) towards target placed on East side of Nau Tau Kok (1080). By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [301e]

TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY

A NEW STREET INDEX,

BY ARTHUR CHAPMAN, GOVERNMENT ASSESSOR.

INTENDING Subscribers are requested to send, as early as possible, Orders for as many COPIES as they may require, TO THE GOVERNMENT ASSESSOR, The Treasury, Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [235e]

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A PORTUGUESE MASTER of a Steam Lighter running between Hongkong and Macao. Applicants must have necessary Certificates. Apply Office of THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED, Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [215e]

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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c. S.S. *Synah*. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 15th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [4]

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT" FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [874d]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 16th instant, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 5th March, 1903. [653e]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENROY," The Hongkong Cargo ex this Steamer from above Ports having arrived per "YUENSANG" from MANILA.

Consignees are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th instant, at 9.30 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [285e]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA. NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU," The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. E. W. TILDEN, Agent. Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after the 13th instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [305e]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"KONIGSBERG," Captain Mayer, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th instant, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [304e]

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IDZUMI MARU	KOBE	FRIDAY, 20th Mar., at Noon
M. Yagi	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 21st Mar., at Daylight
HIROSHIMA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TUESDAY, 24th Mar., at Noon
J. Nagao	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 24th Mar., at Noon
AWA MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th Mar., at 4 P.M.
N. Trent	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 25th Mar., at Noon
BOMBAY MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 27th Mar., at Daylight
T. Murai	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th Mar., at 4 P.M.
SHINANO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 7th April, at 4 P.M.
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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PARCEL Mail for Europe per s.s. *Latona* will
close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 13th inst.

Every mail brings fresh slits, dry plates and
printing paper for LeMunyon direct from New
York.—*Advt.*

The chief of the Weihaiwei Administrative
Office is said to be desirous of seeing Japanese
go there and engage in business enterprises.

THE *Daily News* states recently that as soon
as the *Hysciath's* defects have been repaired
she will become the flagship of the Indian
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THE home newspapers have just published an
appeal from Major-General Wingate (Sirdar of
the Egyptian Army) for a fund to build an
English Church at Khartoum.

It is reported from Peking that H.E. Prince
Su is intending to send his son and heir to
Hongkong and Singapore for a short tour, as
these are the nearest places to China where
British progress amongst Chinese is the most
apparent to the eye.

IN our issue of the 9th instant, referring to the
billiard tournament at the St. Patrick's Club
we erroneously stated that among the compet-
ing teams were those of Mr. Mills and the
Hongkong Club. The teams in question
should be that captained by Mr. C. Warren.

It is rumoured that the Japan Government
intends to monopolize the manufacture of
cigars from the 37th fiscal year, deferring the
question of the manufacture of cigarettes until
after fuller inquiries have been made. When
will this species of economic outrage cease?
asks the *Japan Daily Advertiser*.

THE Agricultural and Commercial Department
has now issued corrected returns of the Japan
rice crop last year. The total crop was
36,999,359 kokus, being a decrease of 995,985
kokus as against the yield of the previous year.
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AT the instance of Inspector Gidley, Yung Liu
Yi, a clerk employed at the Registrar General's
Office, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeldene
this morning with obtaining a \$15 bribe, from
Ho Tak with a view to influence his conduct
as a public servant. Prisoner pleaded not
guilty, and the case was adjourned till to-
morrow morning. Bail to the extent of \$1,000
was allowed.

PETTY larceny has recently been of frequent
occurrence, but the report given us by the
police to-day is one which shows what the light
fingered gentry will resort to, in order to get
anything that will bring them cash. The latest
is to the effect that several street lamps have
been stolen. These thieves pass them off as
employees of the Gas Company, and in this
guise carry off the lamps. No arrests
have yet been made.

THE price of rice and of many other com-
modities is high and seems to be advancing
from year to year. There is also quite a general
demand for increased wages and salaries. The
Foochow correspondent of the *N. C. D. News*
is told that there is considerable grumbling
but the people in general seem remarkably
patient when all things—including the heavy
exactions of the officials—are taken into
consideration.

It is expected that a large number of Chinese
officials and gentry from the Northern provinces
will visit the Osaka Exhibition this summer,
quite apart from the official representatives of
Peking, owing to the very friendly feelings
entertained since 1900 for Japan by "the sons
of Han." There is every probability also of
Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai sending his only son,
Mr. Yuan Yun-tai, to the Exhibition. He
will perhaps be accompanied by Taotai Tang
Shao-yi, Tientsin Customs Taotai, and Liang
Fu-peng, prefect of Tientsin.

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Vaux Road, Central.—*Advt.*

"CHINESE Engineering and Mining Co., some
facts that await explanation," is the title of the
reading matter on page 3.

A Peking despatch to the *N. C. D. News*
from a reliable source states that the Empress-
Dowager, taking with her the Emperor and
other members of the Court, intends to make a
stay of at least one month in the new Palace at
Paoting on her return from the visit to the
Western Imperial Mausolea next March, or
April. This absence of the Court from Peking
for such a long time may, or may not, be
fraught with important consequences in the
near future, which time only can tell. Still
forewarned should be forearmed.

THE Peking-Paoting Railway authorities have
been informed by Prince Ching to the effect
that the Empress Dowager, disliking the incon-
venient publicity of embarking for Paoting at
the railway terminus of Hachiao, had expressed
the wish to do so at the Yung ing-gate of the
Capital. This will, therefore, necessitate a
short extension of the line to that gate and the
construction of a special stage for the conveni-
ence of the Empress Dowager in mounting her
railway carriage. As there is no gaining say
the Imperial caprice, Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai,
as one of the principal directors of the line, has
given the necessary instructions to conform
with her Majesty's desire.

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Systems, Druggists' Prescriptions, Labels,
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ments that require correct and legible number-
ing use the "Follett Numbering Machine".
Do not miss your chance but get one at
LeMunyon's.—*Advt.*

A NEW YORK telegram to the *Cablenews*,
dated 6th inst., says that the condition of Pope
Leo has again changed for the worse and the
gravest fears are entertained for his recovery.
The attack of dizziness which seized him
several days ago has developed into what his
physicians believe is vertigo and this, added to
the great age of His Holiness, makes his re-
covery very uncertain. Representatives of
most of the nations of Europe have sent con-
dolences and best wishes to the afflicted
pontiff. The number of persons who have
access to his presence has been greatly re-
stricted and every precaution is being taken
to prevent any complications of his disorder. A
day of prayer has been set in Rome and the
population manifests the greatest solicitude.

SHORTLY before eight this morning, a dust
cart, fully laden with rain sodden refuse, became
unmanageable on the steep incline of Ice House
Road. The coolies, unable to get a firm foot-
hold on the wet and slippery ground, tried in
vain to check the vehicle in its descent, and such
headway was attained when the Queen's Road
level was reached that they were unable to steer
the cart clear of the Mercantile Bank, with the
result that a large stack pipe was smashed and
a hole knocked in the wall. One of the coolies
was at the same time thrown against the
building, but luckily escaped very serious
injury. He was removed to the Hospital.
Only nine men were in charge of the
truck and it was noticed that a similar vehicle
following was quite a handful for a dozen
to control. It is time that something
should be done in this respect or serious
consequences will result one of these days.

**FIRE IN DES VEAUX ROAD,
WEST.**

THIS AFTERNOON.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon, the
Fire Brigade Station and the Central Police
Station were notified by No. 7 Police Station
that an outbreak of fire had occurred in Des
Vaux Road, West. The Fire Brigade, under
Chief Inspector Mackie, and Assistant
Deputy Superintendent P. J. Wodehouse,
located the fire in No. 316 Des Vaux Road
West, the premises being occupied by Messrs.
Wong Sing & Co., dealers in fancy matting. Two
hoses were at once directed on to the fire and
this, combined with the hose supplied by the
No. 7 Police Station Fire Brigade section
under Inspector Baker, soon checked the
spreading flames. The damage done was not
great, only the kitchen and some large pack-
ages of matting being burnt. We are informed
that the premises are insured with Messrs.
Steuers & Reuter Brockelmann's. The fire
was, first, discovered by Detective Sergeant
Kerr and Bevel, who saw smoke issuing
from the premises. What might have been
an accident attended by grave results hap-
pened to J. C. Shepherd. In his ardour to
fight the flames, he rushed into the building
and had arrived at the kitchen, where the
fire originated, when he was met with a shower
of masonry, the roof of the kitchen having
given way. Luckily his stout helmet saved
his skull. When he came out of the house he
was covered from head to foot with masonry
and dust. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
Acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory.

On the 11th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer
has risen considerably over Japan, fallen slight-
ly on the China coast.

Pressure is highest over N.E. China and
relatively low over the S. coast of China and
the Pacific towards the Loochees.

Moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel,
light variable winds over the N. part of the
China Sea.

Forecast—variable winds, light to moderate;
showery.

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ING GEAR.**

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UNDERWEAR.**

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

Before the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G.
Wise, at the Supreme Court this morning,
Mr. E. J. Grist, on behalf of a Mr. Lo Kam
Loy sued the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Co., Ltd., for \$150 damages. Mr. H. W.
Looker appeared for the defence. The dam-
ages were alleged to have been caused by the de-
fendant's tug *Fame* colliding with the plaintiff's
cargo boat, in Hongkong harbour, on the 12th
December last.

Several witnesses were called, and from
their evidence it appeared that the cargo-boat
was made fast along side of a towing launch
proceeding from the Canton Steamboat wharf
to the *Empress* steamer then in port. The
Fame was heading in a westerly direction, and
in attempting to pass under the stern of the
other craft, struck the starboard quarter of the
cargo-boat.

It was admitted by the defendant to have
been his duty to have kept out of the way, but
it was at the same time contended that the
plaintiff had contributed to the collision by
going astern, after giving two blasts on the
steam-whistle, indicating that he was altering
his course to port. The plaintiff did not pro-
duce witnesses to deny this, because, as Mr.
Grist said, they were not at the present time
available. Judgment was given for the defend-
ant company with costs.

AT THE THEATRE.

"THE LIARS."

Not many years ago it was fashionable to
discuss the prospects of a union—between the
Church and the stage. No particularly definite
idea seemed to be promulgated, but in look-
ing back at this, can one call it a scheme, it is
perhaps worth noting how curiously the
two have changed places with regard to their
tea hings, or perhaps, to be more accurate,
in the hopes for the future that they put before
us. Our religion was not formerly given to us
in a comforting form; our pill was not,
by any means, prescribed sugar-coated and
from the ordinary sinful mortal's point of view
the prospect was anything but satisfactory.
But how some teachers limit our future punish-
ment, whilst others boldly do away with it
altogether giving us a much more comfortable
doctrine. The stage, curiously enough, used
to send us away comforted, having satisfac-
torily proved that everything ended "in a
happy ever after" manner. Under the new
regime the characters, after going out of their
way to meet all possible trouble, at the fall of
the curtain always appear to be endeavouring
to settle down to spending the remainder of
their life in a state of misery, and send the
audience home in a hopeless pessimistic frame
of mind.

Last night the great pleasure was afforded
of seeing the Brough Comedy Company in
Henry Arthur Jones' play *The Liars*, and we
must certainly say that their rendering of the
piece, familiar no doubt to a great number of
the audience, merited every greater applause
than fell to their lot. So far as the play itself
is concerned there is the old familiar story of
the husband, who has ceased to be a lover, and
the man who is not the husband, but who has
become the lover. The wife in the case is a
society lady, who, evidently finding time hang-
ing heavily on her hands, adopts the dangerous
expedient of keeping a lover at her side—but
always at a distance of three feet, when dis-
cussing love matters. Manifestly with a pas-
sionate hot-head lower the distance rapidly
decreases until, after a sad indiscretion, a dinner
arranged a *la deux* at the Star and Garter
Shipperford her husband's ire is aroused and
explanations are demanded. Her friends lie
most persistently in her behalf, but owing to
misunderstandings the lying is not successfully
carried out, and on the husband confronting
the lover that individual, after a futile exhibi-
tion of truth perversion makes a bold declara-
tion of his passion for the other man's wife.
From here the play seemed unsatisfactory,
the husband, accepting the situation too readily
in view of his "see to the bottom of the
matter" attitude taken previously, while the
characters generally appeared to too palpably
aim at finishing up the story in the one Act left.
The curtain falls with the wife and husband,
going to make the best of life together, and the
lover off to a distant land to down love troubles
in the task of keeping natives in order—always,
a favourite medicine with lovers when the
course does not run smooth. The particular
weak point of the play is the easy manner in
which the situation is smoothed in Act IV—the
husband too suddenly turning from the most
obdurate to the most forgiving of "hubbies"
between Acts IV and V. As a whole the
play, which is most certainly a study in
liars, seems to rely mainly upon a suit-
ably cynical conversation at the expense of the
world in general and womankind in particular,
and one is apt to leave the theatre with a lower
opinion of mankind and womankind, especially
the latter, than one had previously, and an
idea that it is inadvisable to let the truth un-
steadily lying has failed. Mr. Brough is splendid
as Col. Sir Christopher Derring and goes far
in that character to redeem one's low opinion
of humanity as gathered from the play in
general. His acting in Act VI, when endeavour-
ing to persuade the husband and wife to let by-
gones be bygones, is very fine. Mrs. Brough,
as Lady Isidora Nepean, played to perfection
the part of the vain, foolish, and untruthful wife
and, if possible, strengthened her position as
the favourite of Hongkong audiences. Mr.
W. T. Lovell, as Edward Falkner, gave a
fine representation of the hot-headed, dare-
everything lover, whilst Mr. Leslie Victor, as
Freddie Taiton, scored a big success as a
happened husband of the "Alky"
type. Mr. Orlando Daly, as Gilbert Nepean,

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the husband, Mr. M. McLean, as his brother,
and Mr. Percy Walsh, as Mr. Archibald Coe,
a fussy old hypochondriac, were all excellent in
their respective parts, and Mr. McIntyre, as
the waiter, was like his sauces "magnifique."
The *Lady Rosamund Taiton* of Miss Temple,
the *Dolly Coke* of Miss Brenda Gibson, and the
Beatrice Elmore of Miss Helen Bogle were
faithful delineations, the two former lying to the
best of their no mean ability on behalf of the
frail wife. Mrs. Crepin, the lady who puts
matters in their most unpleasant aspect, received
full justice at the hands of Miss Susie Vaughan.
So far as the staging of the play was con-
cerned, we can only say that it was in line with
the Company's previous productions, and, as
Hongkong audiences can testify, this is no light
compliment, and with the minor parts as well
filled as those of the major the result was that,
so far as staging and acting was concerned, the
play was a huge success.

Colonel Sir Christopher Derring... Mr. Brough.
Edward Falkner... Mr. W. T. Lovell.
Gilbert Nepean (Lady Jessica's husband)... Mr. Orlando Daly.
George Nepean (Gilbert's brother)... Mr. M. McLean.
Freddie Taiton (Lady Rosamund's husband)... Mr. Leslie Victor.
Archibald Coe (Dolly's husband)... Mr. Percy Walsh.
Waiter at "The Star Garter"... Mr. McIntyre.
Galsley (footman at Freddie Taiton's)... Mr. Henson.
Taiton (Sir Christopher's servant)... Mr. Edwards.
Footman at Callegan Gardner's... Mr. Harrison.
Lady Jessica Nepean (Sister)... Mrs. Brough.
Lady Rosamund Taiton (Sister)... Miss Temple.
Dolly Coke (Their cousin)... Miss Brenda Gibson.
Beatrice Elmore... Miss Helen Bogle.
Mrs. Crepin... Miss Susie Vaughan.
Ferdie (Lady Jessica's Maid)... Miss Gillies Brown.

"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY."

Perhaps the most successful of all modern
plays is *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*, which
will be revived for one performance by Mr.
Brough this evening. It will be remembered
that Mrs. Brough's rendering of the unfortunate
heroine, *Paula Tanqueray*, was a remarkably
fine performance; indeed, it is generally con-
ceded to be her greatest creation. Mr. Brough
will appear as *Aubrey Tanqueray*.

The following is the complete cast of charac-
ters:—
Sir George Orreyed, Bart... Mr. Orlando Daly.
Captain Hugh Ardale... Mr. Ernest Vera.
Aubrey Tanqueray... Mr. Brough.
Cayley Drummond... Mr. Leslie Victor.
Frank Alingh... Mr. Percy Walsh.
Gordon Jayne, M.D... Mr. McIntyre.
Morse... Mr. M. McLean.
Lady Orreyed... Miss Temple.
Mrs. Corleyed... Miss Susie Vaughan.
Ellena... Miss Brenda Gibson.
and
Paula... Mrs. Brough.

To-morrow night the ever popular *Niobe* is
announced. On Saturday and Monday the first
Brough production of *Facing the Music*, a
merry farce by J. H. Darnley, author of *The
Solliciter*, will be given in Hongkong.

**BUBONIC PLAGUE THREATENS
UNITED STATES VIA MEXICO.**

Under this startling heading the *Manila Cable-
news* publishes the following telegram dated
New York, March 5th:—"The spread of the
bubonic plague in Mexico is becoming terrific
and almost the entire republic is now infected.
Hundreds are dying in every part of the coun-
try. From its starting place in the south it has
spread to the borders of the country and the
United States is threatened. The state of
Texas has already declared a quaran-
tine against Mexico, which is being main-
tained by volunteers with arms. Great
alarm is felt for the safety of Texas." It is
well-known that it has been spreading with
alarming rapidity, and that Mexican coast ports
have been quarantined against Masatlan, where
the situation some few weeks since was re-
ported as the worse. From Canadian exchanges
we learn that the authorities are thoroughly
aroused to the danger of plague, and Seattle
despatch goes so far as to allege that it is
believed it threatens every city on the Pacific
coast. An inspection quarantine against Cali-
fornia is proposed, and at a special meeting of
the Board of Health, this plan of protecting the
people of this city and State will be dis-
cussed. Though no sign of the disease has
been discovered here, the danger of its advent
is seriously regarded. Any incoming train or
boat, it is said, may bring an individual or a
consignment of goods that has been infected,
and against such a possible misfortune every
care and caution will be exercised. For some
months past, Japanese and Chinese arrivals
from San Francisco have been subjected to
physical examination here. Owing to the pre-
valence of the plague in that city, there has
been almost an exodus from there of these
classes of people, and Seattle has received its
share of this undesirable element. Local health
officers have been untiring in the performance
of their duties, but they feel that the usual
regulations are inadequate to afford proper
protection to the community. Indeed, the
establishment of an absolute quarantine has
been suggested, but such course will only be
resorted to in the event of the disease spread-
ing to some city or town on the Sound. Other
journals violently attack the authorities of San
Francisco for denying the allegations that the
port is a plague infected one waxing exception-
ally hot. The *Tacoma Daily Ledger* just to hand
maintains that in its eagerness to get business
San Francisco has for years concealed the exist-
ence of bubonic plague in the city. "It has
maintained a pest spot," asserts the journal,
"and openly sought to deceive the world. It has
shown the tourist through its reeking Chin-
town, but the secrets of that haunt were never
revealed to him." When at one time the local
health board did seek to suppress the plague it
was quickly directed of its authority. Governor
Grye took the matter into his own hands,
declared in the name of the State that no plague
existed or had existed in the port, and the
victims of the plague were labeled as having
died of something else. The truth became

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known only through the activity of the federal
hospital service, and the only act on the
part of San Francisco since has been to
denounce the officials who have done the
country this service. It is a question whether
the course of San Francisco will in the end be
profitable to itself. There is some problem as
to whether it is wise to harbour the plague for
the sake of garnering dollars. A better course
would have been to have stamped the plague
out, not doing any lying about it, and then
when this had been accomplished, the news
could have been heralded abroad and would
have been received in good faith. Now San
Francisco has been discredited, and nothing
it could say would be accepted without the
faintest corroborative evidence. On the other
hand San Francisco papers state "the action
of the mercantile bodies of this city in forming
a health committee to deal with the absurd
allegations constantly being made that San
Francisco is plague infected will probably in-
duce such of our interior contemporaries as
have made the foolish charge that the mer-
chants of this port have been desirous of sup-
pressing the truth to repeat their accusations.
There has been a persistent effort on the part
of sober-minded San Franciscans to refute the
baseless allegations of the men who attempt to
make the world believe that it is necessary to
use microscopes to discover an epidemic, and
it has proved so successful that this community
has never for a moment been panic-stricken,
as it might easily have become had the alarmist
stories gone unchallenged. It
should be possible to convince the outside
world that no matter what bacteriological
experiments may show, it is in the highest
degree improbable that a highly infectious
disease could exist in the crowded Chinese
quarter of San Francisco for a period of nearly
three years without becoming epidemic." But
whether San Francisco be infected or not there
can be no doubt that, according to this cable-
gram received by our Manila contemporary, the
position is far from satisfactory and will be
watched with interest by sufferers on this side
of the Pacific.

SMUGGLING IN BANGKOK.

Smuggling is a serious offence in the eyes of
the British Consul in Bangkok, as is shown by
the fine of Tce. 500 imposed on a Chinese
importer yesterday. And yet smuggling was
in effect a recognised *lantern* of the port not
so very long ago. The condition of things
obtaining here before the appointment of Mr.
Williams in 1889, and even for long after, was
probably not by any means unique, but cer-
tainly was a striking instance of general
corruption; there is really no other word for
it. One does not apply such a term to the
ordinary small peccadillo with regard to a
box of cigars, or such like, but the line must
be drawn when smuggling becomes a busi-
ness. A large number of people used to
obtain an important part of their income from
joining in such ventures, and a few obtained
wealth. It was merely the Government which
was robbed. And it was nobody's business to
check the existing *lantern* in fact we have
known those holding very high position be-
come, like the Private Secretary, "quite cross"
when the truth has been inconveniently pointed
out. Take the 1889 instances when the *Bangkok
Times* revealed the successful running of fire-
arms into the port. At first the fact was flatly
denied, and no credence was given to the
statement. But little by little the truth came
out till there was no longer any doubt remain-
ing.

Certainly it is that the Customs Department
has now the most efficient controlling staff that
Bangkok has ever known, and that smuggling
has been enormously reduced. But it is a moot
point whether the virtue of such officials is
appreciated. We have known less honest men
more popular and honoured.—*Bangkok
Times*.

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon
to-day, one further case of bubonic plague,
making 61 since January 1st, was notified as
having occurred in Hongkong. It was the case
of a plague-infected body of a Chinese being
dumped opposite 131, Queen's Road East.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Somaliland Expedition.

LONDON, March 9th.

An official communication from Col. Swayne dated Boboule, 3rd inst., says that two companies of "Pioneers," 100 Somali mounted infantry, 50 Camel Corps and a Marconi Telegraph Section now occupy Damot. The force arrived on the 4th inst. A small body of the enemy which was posted there retreated and were pursued by our mounted troops who killed three of the enemy and captured all their water camels. Col. Gough commanded the force. The Somalis were given a large share in the operations with unsatisfactory results and desertions were numerous.

LATER.

The Somaliland Expedition.

Col. Manning reports that the mounted troops occupied Galkayu on the 3rd inst. and the rest of the column on the 5th inst. The occupation was apparently unopposed and casualties confined to the enemy.

The Navy Estimates.

The Navy estimates gross, £35,846,841; a net increase of £3,202,000 mainly for ship-building repairs and maintenance. The programme includes the commencement of three new battle-ships, four first class cruisers, three protected cruisers, four scouts, fifteen destroyers and ten submarines. The number of officers and men is fixed at 127,100, an increase of 4,600.

TIENSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tientsin, February 21st.

There has been a temporary excitement of some magnitude here the last few days, forming a sort of climax to the ever increasing lightness of silver. A prominent native bank kept by the uncle of the proprietor of the Yokohama Specie Bank suddenly suspended payment last Thursday, and public resulted. The bank was sufficiently large for the closing of its doors to mean qualified ruin to half a dozen other native institutions and the wildest stories were at first in circulation. It was stated that the bank proprietor had absconded, and the liabilities were over £100,000, involving the Yokohama Specie Bank. The latter now denies being involved, and the man has run away. On the contrary his relatives who are very wealthy are trying to effect a settlement, and the trouble has been virtually lifted over. It was not a case of actual but merely temporary insolvency due to not being instantly able to realize on assets valuable enough in themselves, in other words, just shortness of cash. It is still said in some quarters that a foreign bank had made advances and pressed for payment at an inconvenient time, which precipitated the trouble. The affair served to illustrate what a state things in the city are really in and the effects of the rude break in banking transactions will long be felt if it does not actually provoke further closing. It is reported that another month will see the viceroys' bank finished, but no particulars are yet available as to whether this means it has been a failure or has paved the way to further enterprise. The new tael coinage which the viceroys talks of introducing will not help matters but rather serve to complicate them, as things stand. There is some indication that the merchants are beginning to realize the seriousness of the winding exchange, and the Chamber of Commerce is, I believe, rousing from its slumbers and proposing to discuss the gold question.

Meanwhile though business is at a standstill, and one hears the cry of 'no money' on every hand, an enormous amount is being spent on preparations for the Court's visit to the West Tombs in April. A special official, Liang Mao-ling, has been appointed by Yuan to go and inspect the railway to the Tombs and effect all necessary repairs. He will then go himself and see that line and also the new palace at Peking before proceeding to Peking, whence he will escort the Empress Dowager to the Tombs. All this will run into about £1,600,000 perhaps much more, and when the Imperial sacrifices are done by proxy it only costs some £15,000. On the slightest excuse we see money pouring out like water for idle pleasure or amusements, and we turn to home papers and read that it was "a wicked thing on the part of foreign powers to have imposed such an indemnity on the defenceless, impoverished country like China!" Poor little China, indeed.

The boxers are drilling quite merrily in four or five districts S.W. of Peking and in several others nearer here. The Government troops have said unto them, "Go my children, this is untimely," and they have dispersed—until the next day. They must, of course, keep militant instincts alive until called for.

The site of the old Black Fort in the city, from whence we were largely bombarded, is to have a large Medical College built on it. The Japanese tried to work the oracle and get the place put under their management with ready-made doctors turned out every two years. But there are a few smart people of other nationalities connected with the college, among them a very advanced native doctor, and it does not follow therefore that Japanese wishes will be carried out.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Ginn.

Further honours are being contemplated for Jung Lu and a few other kindred spirits, and Prince Ching and the proper board have the matter in hand. Unless they make Jung Lu Emperor it is rather difficult to know what further intermediate honour he could have.

Gen. Wogack has returned to Tientsin, and the day after his arrival Mr. Pokotiloff, the presiding genius of the Russo-Chinese Bank, and altogether the most interesting watch-requiring diplomat we have known in Peking, even in Pavlov's time, left in hot haste for Port Arthur.

February 22nd.

The T. A. D. C. last night gave us a capital performance of Canton's *Liberty Hall* to a full house. The house would have been worth \$1,500 to any troupe coming up here as they charge \$3 a seat, the A.D.C. only \$2. Many have wished the Pollards would give us a week. Now that the military are here they would find the trip pay.

The port is opening again and in a few days the usual shipping will be re-established. But no snow or rain. A most remarkable winter to be followed perhaps by an equally remarkable summer. A letter just to hand from Kalgan says—

"The Russian tea-carrying trade has fallen off largely since the opening of the Siberian railway and the convenient port of Talienwan, hence our streets are not quite so blocked up with camel caravans."

The new "Kalgan Police" with their title in large English letters on their uniforms are very much in evidence and help not a little to keep the streets passable. This was one of the many innovations introduced by Shen Yun-ho. The present Tael knows far more Russian than English, but he is very friendly and often helpful. We had the unusual experience this year of having our New Year call on high officials returned in person.

A few days ago one of our missionaries met a company of about 30 roughs armed with naked swords passing through the town. They looked dangerous enough to be resurrected boxers. But they proved on inquiry to be a band of robbers whom Gen. Ma of Chengde had routed out of their rendezvous among the eastern mountains, and they were proceeding undisturbed to make another about 100 li west of Kalgan. The officials said it would be too much trouble to interfere with them.

A company of several hundred of Tung Fushiang's soldiers crossed Mongolia about 100 li north of Kalgan in December. They were on their way to join their chief in Kansuh.

TIENSIN, February 25th.

It has leaked out that the long-distance ride to Peking was not quite such a picnic for the horses as it was first represented. The accounts telephoned and wired down from Peking on the arrival of the competitors represented both men and horses "fresh as paint" after their 72 hours' ride. It now appears that several of the animals could hardly walk to the goal, arrived in a shockingly strained condition and four have since died. The riders are all right and have not even been made conspicuous by the S. P. C. A. Pretty outspoken condemnation of the whole affair indicates public opinion on the matter however. It is some consolation to know that the only Englishman who went in for the competition, and came in second, did not ride his horse to death or even maim him for life, but German horsemanship has not been displayed in a flattering light in Tientsin.

News from the Peking by-rail in Honan is very encouraging. At the outset the natives regarded the engineering staff with the utmost suspicion, and thought they were only another variety of the Catholic priests who have as usual made themselves extremely unpopular the abouts. Now they have grasped the idea that they are merchants, or of that class, who have come to spend and not to squeeze, and everything is now going smoothly. The railway has been completed as far as Weihsia, and the whole line, about 80 miles, is expected to be done within the next twelve or eighteen months. The telegraph is running throughout the whole line, and the telephone also in some places. Foreign houses have been erected for the staff at Taokow and a large store godown. The native traders about the place have found the presence of a body of foreigners spending money very generously highly conducive to their prosperity. Sundry plans for wrecking machinery, etc., which were arranged at the outset, have been outgrown. The price of land since Pearson's staff have been in the interior has increased from 10,000 cash per mou to £15, 120 11.

We are promised a steamer at the Bund tomorrow, and the weather is genial enough for the end of March. The ordinary Shanghai steamers are due here on the 3rd. The incoming boat is the *Vorwärts* from Hongkong who will have the honour of opening our season.

The skating and hockey are over, and so many families are preparing for home that everything seems a little out of gear this year.

February 26th.

An interesting case is now before the Consul and Viceroy which is more or less accurately set forth in a proclamation which the Viceroy published two days ago. It only remains for me to explain that the Mr. Pringle mentioned was the representative of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. who believed themselves entitled to carry on the agencies on the Grand Canal established by the original company whereas the Chinese maintain that they are now a British company they are not entitled to. The Chinese quote the old 1858 Treaty, but it is questionable whether the 1901 Protocol does not justify the action of the Mining Company. The issue is being watched with interest.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Ginn.

CHINA AND SILVER.

Writing to the N. C. D. News, a correspondent asserts that gold can be had in Szechuan, in Manchuria, and probably in Shantung. A strong reason for thinking that China has gold underground, he says, is the fact that in the historical works of the Han dynasty, gold is shown to have been abundant in the two centuries before and after the Christian era. At that time Emperors gave gold in large sums as gifts to meritorious officers and to neighbouring monarchs. It is not said that this gold came from Mongolia or Manchuria. Silver was in use in the currency of Western States at that time. The inference to be drawn is that China had gold in her own borders, or that it came from the countries on the south. China has silver too, but not in such large quantities as gold. Should China adopt vigorous and successful measures to find gold in her own territories, it will be most opportune for paying off her debt. But this will not lead to any withdrawal of silver from her currency. China will probably still remain a silver country like Mexico, and will be persuaded to adopt such measures as will give steadiness to silver in the market.

THE JAPANESE LINE.

GOOD RECORD FOR THE PAST YEAR.

In connection with the placing of the steamer *Aki Maru* on the Victoria, Seattle and Oriental run, it is interesting to review the record of the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line to this Coast, says a Victoria (B. C.) exchange of 30th January. Although the steamers of the Japanese line are not as fleet or as well furnished as the Empress liners, they are second only to them as passenger carriers, and have been running in connection with the Great Northern railway at Seattle. The average time of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha vessels crossing from Yokohama to Seattle is 15 days and 2 hours. This includes stops of ten hours and more each at Victoria and Port Townsend. The average is obtained from the log books extending over a period of thirteen months, or from January 1, 1902, to date. During this period there were 27 sailings from Yokohama. Twenty-five sailings annually has been the average for the past several years.

The record time, 13 days and 19 hours, was made by the steamship *Kinkishu*.

This is in marked contrast to the time of the first vessel, the *Mitaka Maru*, leaving Yokohama August 5, 1896, following the establishment of the Seattle line. She was 26 days en voyage. However, she called at Honolulu, as did the five or six vessels following her. Now they come direct from Yokohama, stopping only at Victoria and Port Townsend.

Remarkable as it may seem, none of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha vessels crossing the Pacific has ever met with a serious accident. One, the *Kinkishu*, ran aground after reaching the Sound. Another, the *Shinano Maru*, took fire crossing from Seattle to Yokohama. She put back to this port. But during the seven years of the existence of the line there has never been a loss of life on any of the vessels.

Those composing the fleet are the *Tosa*, *Shinano*, *Kaga*, *Yos*, *Kiofuku* and *Kinkishu*. The latter, with the completion of her present voyage, goes on the Bombay run, being succeeded by the *Aki Maru*.

THE NAMES OF FOREIGNERS IN JAPANESE DOCUMENTS.

IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Our readers will be aware, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, that hitherto all documents relating to the personal status of foreigners registered with the Japanese authorities have had the foreign names transliterated in Japanese *kana*. We learn that the Minister of Justice, finding the inconvenience of the arrangement, has issued instructions to all officers, mayors, etc., having authority in such cases, that henceforth all foreign names registered must be inscribed in Japanese registers and documents in Roman letters, together with the Japanese characters. The order takes the following form:—

"Foreigners residing in Japan, when, in conformity with the law, they make a declaration concerning their personal status before the Japanese authorities, shall write on the document the foreign proper names not only in *katakana*, but also in Latin characters. The transcription in Latin characters shall be placed on the left of the transcription in *katakana* and shall be legibly written."

We need scarcely point out how very important this decision is. We understand that the change has been brought about by representations made to the Japanese authorities by the French Legation, which deserves credit for inducing the authorities to make a reform that is of great importance to all foreigners, while the Japanese authorities are also entitled to credit for so promptly acceding to the suggestion when it was made to them. Now that all matters relating to personal status, such as the registration of births and deaths, and also the registration of property, must be made to the Japanese authorities by foreigners in Japan, the necessity of some means of positively identifying the names, which is certainly one of the questions when the *katakana* is used, is evident, and the reform which is now made is likely to prevent much trouble and inconvenience in the future.

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AMOI INTERNATIONAL CONCESSION.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

We understand that a meeting of the rate-payers of the Kunglung International Settlement will be held at the Amoy Club on Tuesday, 17th March inst., at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Municipal Council. It is stated in a notice issued by Mr. S. Uyeno, Consul for Japan and the Senior Consul, that the following are qualified to vote:—

1. Foreign owners of land on Kunglung registered at a Consulate and of an assessed value of not less than \$1,000.
2. Authorized agents or proxies of land owners as above who are absent from the Port.
3. Foreign annual tax-payers of \$5 and upwards exclusive of license fees.

A provisional list of voters is appended to the notice and any others claiming to be entitled to vote have been requested to send in their names to Mr. J. J. Danne.

FRENCH RAILWAY PLANT IN SIAM.

It may not be generally known that a French locomotive and French rolling stock are at work in Siam, remarks a Bangkok exchange. Moreover this plant served the Phraed Company very efficiently indeed in dealing with their recent heavy traffic, as was only to be expected since it was supplied by the firm of Decauville and. This firm's railways, railway material and other engineering plant are known all over the world, and it should be noted that Mr. E. Fernoni is sole agent for Siam.

THE "KELANTAN" RAISED—THE "MEDUSA" DOCKED.

According to the *Siam Observer*, of the 2nd inst., the staff of the Bangkok Dock Company succeeded that day in safely docking the wrecked *Kelantan*, which has now reverted to the name she bore prior to her going under the German flag, namely, *Medusa*. Many difficulties have had to be overcome since the work of raising her was undertaken and those concerned fall to be warmly congratulated now that she rests firm and secure on the chocks. It will be remembered that she was sunk on colliding, on the afternoon of 12th November last, with the s.s. *Phra Chom Klao*. The latter steamer was leaving Bangkok with cargo when she met the *Kelantan* at the Bar coming in in ballast and being unable to get out of each other's way, the *Phra Chom Klao* dashed into the port side of the *Kelantan*, her bows penetrating some eight feet into the latter's engine room. The *Kelantan*'s fires were flooded out and she sank, leaving only the half forward of the bridge afloat. The *Phra Chom Klao* went into dock at once and had her damaged bows repaired, but the *Kelantan* was sold to a syndicate as she lay. On 4th December, Messrs. Kerr and Aitchison with a staff of assistants all working under the direction of Mr. Dunlop, manager of Bangkok Dock Company, commenced operations with a view to raising the sunken vessel. The first difficulty encountered was that she was lying in some nine feet of mud and had a similar depth of clayey silt inside. Had it not been for the powerful "Bon Accord" 24-inch centrifugal pump, discharging at the rate of 10,000 gallons per minute, which the Company was able to put on board, it is doubtful whether the *Kelantan* would ever have re-floated. This pump was driven by a 9 and 15-inch engine, originally intended for a launch but commandeered for the salvage work, and a 9-inch "Robey" engine also pressed into the service. Steam was supplied by two return tubular boilers and, with the necessary fly wheel and belting, the whole plant answered very satisfactorily. In case of any breakdown, two auxiliary 8-inch pumps were fitted up and held in readiness. It was found that, owing to the rise and fall of the tide, the work could be carried on only at night time and this inconvenience considerably retarded progress. The vessel being so deeply embedded in mud made it an extremely difficult task for the divers to get at the rent in the ship's side—she had been cut right below the bilge keel—but everything possible was done to the ship from the outside after which the gap was sealed from the inside by the application of collision matting and tons of cement. This enabled the huge pump to master the leakage and the vessel was duly floated. She was then removed to shallower water at the Paknam forts. When the divers were able to work underneath her, additional mats were placed over the hole and braced tightly up with ropes. When the vessel was ready to be brought up to dock, Messrs. Fairweather and Macdonald went to Paknam and lent a hand. The size of the rent may be guessed when it is stated that the 24-inch pump had to be kept running all the time. As she now lies in dock, rusty and encrusted with barnacles, she is an object of interest to the many who visit her.

The *Medusa* was built in 1886 by Messrs. W. H. Potter and Sons, Liverpool. She is an iron screw steamer of 967 tons gross. Her length is 237.4 feet, beam 34 feet and depth 15.4 feet. She originally belonged to Messrs. A. Holt and Co. but changed hands when that firm's blue funnel flag was purchased by the North German Lloyd.

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Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

The market opened with a still persistent demand for CHINA SUGARS at \$10.8, at which rate a small lot changed hands. An all-round inquiry held throughout the morning and before noon the price had gone up to \$11.0; at this rate business was done for the end of the month. The closing quotation is \$11.0 cash and equivalent rates forward, with strong buyers. BANKS have inquiries at \$6.90, and possibly a higher rate may be obtained if firm offers of shares are made. INDOS is still the puzzle of the hour and quotation is purely nominal at the declined rate of \$0.6, in absence of reported business. DOCKS are in strong demand at \$2.05; but holders refuse to part.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	1/7
" Bank Bills, on demand	1/7 5/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight	1/7
" D'ments 4 months' sight	1/7
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.65
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.06
" Credits, 4 months' sight	2.06
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	39
" Credits, 30 days' sight	39
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	119
" On demand	119
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	73
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	78
Sovereigns, Bank's buying Rate	\$12.35
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	65.20
Bar Silver	22 15/16

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	Per chest
MALWA NEW	@ \$980
" LAST YEAR	@ 1,010/1,040
" OLDEST	@ 1,060/1,110
PATNA NEW	@ 1,112
BENARES NEW	@ 1,092
PERSIAN (PAPER)	@ 780/825

To-day's Advertisement.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 to 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS:—

1. That the Company may underwrite the whole or any part of the fire risks on all, or any, of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.
2. That the sum of \$200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured with other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [308c]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

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HONGKONG STEAM WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony, Mr. C. T. Kew will act as MANAGER of the above Company.

J. W. KEW, Manager. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [307a]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Steamship.

"ARRATON APCAR." Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [305a]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORES of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's shirts made to order, and Collars and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.	
APENRADE, German steamer, 650, A. P. Uldrup, 9th Mar., Pakhol and Holbow General.	Johnson & Co.
AXHEWIAN, British steamer, 488, Robinson, 9th Mar., Vancouver, B.C. 9th Feb., and Shanghai 6th Mar., General.—C. P. R. Co.	
CHINGTUNG, British steamer, 1,476, W. B. Brown, 5th Mar., Melbourne 30th Jan., Sydney 6th Feb., Port Darwin 21st, and Manila 2nd Mar., General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
DAIWA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,733, D. Yoshida, 9th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal.—H. U. Jeffries.	
FOOMOON, German steamer, 875, H. Samrick, 8th Mar., Manila 5th Mar., Ballast.—E. A. Trading Co.	
HONGKONG, French steamer, 750, H. Suzroni, 9th Mar., Haiphong and Hoibow 8th Mar., General and Pigs.—A. R. Marty.	
HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 6,169, W. E. Filmer, 6th Mar., San Francisco 24th Feb., via Honolulu 11th, Yokohama 24th, Kobe 27th, Nagasaki 1st Mar., and Shanghai 4th, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.	
IBADAN, British steamer, 473, W. Winch, 8th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Ballast.—E. A. Trading Co.	
ISCHIA, Italian steamer, 2,784, Alberto Muzio, 6th Mar., Bombay 17th Feb., and Singapore 28th, General.—Carlowitz & Co.	
KARIN, Swedish steamer, 697, G. Peterson, 23rd Feb., Bangkok 20th Feb., Ballast.—Sander, Wieler & Co.	
KONIGSDER, German steamer, 3,135, H. Mayer, 10th Mar., Hamburg 23rd Jan., and Singapore 4th Mar., General.—Siemens & Co.	
KWANGSE, British steamer, 1,240, H. Harris, 9th Mar., Chingwan 3rd Mar., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.	
KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,644, T. Sakurai, 8th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal.—Order.	
LOONGSANG, British steamer, 1,117, G. S. Weigall, 9th Mar., Manila 6th March, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MACHEW, German steamer, 995, H. Hartjes, 8th Mar., Bangkok via Swatow 7th Mar., Rice and Teakwood.—Melchers & Co.	
MADELINE RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,020, T. Sanders, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice.—Amthor, Karberg & Co.	
MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,614, W. D. Welsh, 6th Mar., Sandakan 28th Feb., Timber and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
OCEANA, German steamer, 453, F. Janke, 7th Mar., Sydney via Marcellis and Caroline Islands 2nd Feb., Copra.—Siemens & Co.	
PRONTO, Norwegian steamer, 837, T. Seeberg, 8th Mar., Haiphong and Hoibow 6th Mar., General.—A. R. Marty.	
ROSETTA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,403, N. Tate, 9th Mar., Manila 7th Mar., General.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	
RUBI, British steamer, 1,611, R. W. Almond, 8th Mar., Manila 6th Mar., Specie and Hemp.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.	
SEIRSTAD, Norwegian steamer, 617, A. Larsen, 6th Mar., Singapore 27th Feb., Timber.—Tan Tye & Co.	
SELUN, Norwegian steamer, 865, O. W. Sindling, 8th Mar., Wuhu 28th Feb., Rice.—E. A. Trading Co.	
SHINTA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,388, K. Nakagawa, 4th Mar., Shanghai 1st Mar., General.—Chinese.	
SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, H. Mayer, 9th Mar., Hoio 5th March, Ballast.—Siemens & Co.	
THEA, German steamer, 934, H. Oblerich, 9th Mar., Tsingtau 4th March, General.—Jessen & Co.	
TREMONT, American steamer, 9,605, T. W. Garlick, 10th Mar., Moji 6th Mar., General.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	
TSINTAU, German steamer, 1,008, O. Koch, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice and General.—Melchers & Co.	
VICTORIA, American steamer, 2,112, J. Pantan, 10th Mar., Tacoma 6th Feb., General.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	

SAILING VESSELS.

GROSVENOR, British barque, 516, Boga, 14th June, Mauritius 16th January, Sugar.—Abdalla & Co.	
HOLLISWOOD, American bark, 1,084, E. M. Knight, 23rd Feb., Fremantle W.A. 12th Dec., Sandalwood.—Gillman & Co.	
HOWARD D. TROOP, British 4-masted barque, 2,080, D. W. Corning, 6th Mar., New York 29th Oct., Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.	
LOTHIR, Italian barque, 794, Antonio M. Schiaffino, 4th Dec., from Callao (Peru), General.—Order.	
ROSE, British barque, 786, Pow, 28th Feb., Fremantle 1st Nov., Sandalwood.—Order.	
SENARD, American schooner, 660, J. C. Downing, 4th Feb., Manila 1st Jan., Ballast.—Order.	

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

March 11th, 1903, a.m.

Wladivostok	6 a.m. 29.80	SW	6	b
Nemuro	6 a.m. 29.80	SW	6	b
Hakodate	6 a.m. 30.01	SW	2	—
Tokyo	6 a.m. 30.10	SW	2	—
Kochi	6 a.m. 30.03	NE	2	—
Nagasaki	6 a.m. 30.03	NE	2	—
Kagoshima	6 a.m. 30.03	NE	2	—
Oshima	6 a.m. 29.93	NE	2	—
Naha	6 a.m. 29.93	NE	2	—
Ishigaki	6 a.m. 29.93	NE	2	—
Taihou	6 a.m. 29.93	NE	2	—
Taichu	6 a.m. 29.91	NE	2	—
Tainan	6 a.m. 29.89	NE	2	—
Koshu	6 a.m. 29.89	NE	2	—
Pescadore	6 a.m. 29.91	NE	2	—
Welbawei	6 a.m. 30.16	NE	2	—
Gutlaff	6 a.m. 30.07	NE	2	—
Sharp Peak	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Amoy	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Swatow	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Canton	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Hongkong	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Victoria Peak	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Gap Rock	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Macao	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Haiphong	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Manila	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Malate	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Bacolod	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Iloilo	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
Cebu	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—
O. St. James	6 a.m. 30.04	NE	2	—

YESTERDAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On March 10, 1903.

Barometer 30.01 29.92

Temperature 74 75

Humidity 87 84

Rainfall 0.00 0.00

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Hamilton, Maj. A. B.	Graf von
Hardy, Lieut. Comdr.	Wenborn, S. T.
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Bennett, Mrs. S.	
Clutton, Mrs. and child	H. F. P.
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G. K.	
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Helm, W.	

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WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the

mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point

for the information of masters of vessels leaving

the port. They do not imply that bad weather

is expected here:—

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the East-

ward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East

quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the West-

ward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West

quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon

to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in

the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a ty-

phoon to the Southward of the Colony,

(i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believ-

ed to be more than 300 miles away from

the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is be-

lieved to be less than 300 miles away

from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad

weather in the Colony and that the wind

is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate

bad weather in the Colony and that the

wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff o-

f the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also,

by day only, at the Harbour Office and on

H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching

typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed

at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever

a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—

Joint Cable Companies' Office.

Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.

Blake Pier.

Post Office.

Harbour Office.

Office of the Wharf & Godown Company,

Kowloon.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-

WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards

daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours,

day or night, whenever necessary. Informa-

tion of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily

about noon. It contains observations made at

Hongkong and at a number of stations in the

Far East, together with Remarks, Weather-

forecasts, and information regarding the exist-

ence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather

to be expected while signals are hoisted, and

sailing directions, are given in "The Law of

Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. FICO,

Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th July, 1902.

THE SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(MARCH 11th.)

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	LATEST QUOTATION.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora- tion	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 1/7- } { \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1902. }	\$690 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited.	\$ 8	{ 3/14 on A. shares for 1902 } { \$1.96 on B. shares for 1902 }	\$221 buyers
Do. Founders.	\$ 1	{ None on Founder shares. }	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.	\$ 100	60 per cent.—\$30 per share for 1901	\$527 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited.	\$ 25	16 1/2 %—\$4 for year ended 30/4/1902.	\$39 sales & buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited.	\$ 25	Interim of 4 1/2 % making in all 8 1/2 % for 1901	Tails 195 buyers
Yantai Insurance Association, Limited.	\$ 60	20 %—\$12 for 1900	\$135 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.	\$ 50	28 %—\$14 per share for 1901	\$164
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.	\$ 50	\$24 per share for 1901	\$301 buyers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$801 buyers
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited.	\$ 15	\$14 for half-year ending 31/12/1902	\$364
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited.	\$ 10	Fin. of 12/- making £ 1 per share for 1901	\$108 buyers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Lim- ited.	\$ 25	10 % for 1900	\$12 sales
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited.	\$ 50	{ Div. of \$3 per share for year ended } { 30/6/1902 }	\$43 sales
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited.	\$ 10	{ \$1.20 } = 12% for year ending 30/4/02	\$261 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited.	\$ 1	2nd Interim of 9d. making 2/- for 1901	£ 1 10/- sales
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited.	Tails 100	3rd Interim of Tls. 5 for 1902	Tails 310 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited.	Tails 50	Interim of 2 %	Tails 152 sales
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited.	Tails 100	Interim of 6 % for 1902	Tails 16

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LADIES' NECKWEAR.

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GARMENTS FOR SUMMER WEAR.

HOSIERY FOR LADIES
AND CHILDREN. EMBROIDERED AND LACE FRONTED
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IN THE FOLLOWING MAKES:—MADAM LEIDER,
PRIMA DONNA, SANAKOR, MODEL, AND NEW
RIBBON CORSET, IDEALLY COOL FOR THE EAST.

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IN LARGE VARIETY.

SUMMER MUSLINS
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GOODS WILL BE PERFECT.

HOUSEHOLD LINENS.

ALL KINDS OF LINENS, LININGS, CALICOES,
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BEDS AND BEDDING.

BEDS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. HAIR, FLOCK, FEATHER,
RATTAN AND SPRING MATTRESSES.

LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES

STOCKED IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SHAPES.
AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK HAS JUST ARRIVED.
IT INCLUDES ALL KINDS OF THE BEST MAKES IN
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SMART FOOT WEAR.

February 25th.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

SCIENTIFICALLY CUT AND PERFECT FITTING.
"THE HONG" SHIRT FOR BUSINESS,
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SMART NECKWEAR.

OUR PATTERNS ARE EXCLUSIVE IN THE EAST.

PANAMAS

IN ALL THE LATEST SHAPES FOR 1903.

BOOTS A SPECIALTY.

AMERICAN SHAPES, ENGLISH LEATHER AND
WORKMANSHIP. SIZES AND HALF SIZES STOCKED.
TAN GRAIN BOX CALF FOR SHOOTING. TAN AND BLACK
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OUR SUMMER STOCK

WILL BE THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE
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GOODS ABSOLUTELY NEW.

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WE ALWAYS HOLD A CHOICE SELECTION
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LARGE STOCK OF BURNT AND TUSCAN STRAWS.
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A LARGE STOCK OF CABIN AND OVERLAND TRUNKS.
KIT BAGS, GLADSTONES, PORTMANTEAUX AND
DRESSING BAGS, IN ALL SIZES AND KINDS.

R. G. HECKFORD,
MANAGER.